

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO,
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY
HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will be held at the
OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Build-
ings, Queen's Road Central, TO-DAY, the
1st February, at 3 P.M. for the purpose of
receiving a Report of the Directors, together
with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a
Dividend and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 19th January to the
1st February inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1900. [68h]

ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 325, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held at the PREMISES
of the ZETLAND LODGE, 325, E.C., TO-NIGHT,
the 1st February, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1900. [102b]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHIMONSEKI AND KOBE.
THE Company's Steamship

"CHANGSHA"
Captain Moore, will be despatched as above
on MONDAY, the 5th instant.

The attention of Passengers is directed to
the Superior Accommodation offered by this
Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated
forward of the Engines.

A fully qualified Surgeon is engaged and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
For Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1900. [75b]

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"BIRCHTOR,"
will be despatched for the above Port on or
about the 27th instant and will be followed by
S.S. "ST. REGULUS."

For Freight, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1900. [133b]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CHUSAN,"
FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 7th instant, at 4
P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns, and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which
no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1900. [15]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

THE Company's Steamship

"TEENKAI,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 7th instant, at
Noon will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns, and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within
ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after
which no claims will be recognised.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
Noon, TO-DAY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1900. [131b]



Mr. Tubby.—"I eat Ruttonjee's Bread!"
Mr. Spindleshanks.—"I don't!"

BREAD! BREAD! BREAD!!!

MR. H. RUTTONJEE begs to inform his
numerous Patrons that he is now pre-
pared to deliver BREAD in WANGHAI and the
EAST END of the City between the hours of
8 and 7 A.M.

CUSTOMERS requiring BREAD to be
delivered are requested to kindly notify the
same to
H. RUTTONJEE,
13 & 15, D'Aguilar Street.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1900. [134]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

IMPORTERS OF HIGH CLASS
SHERRIES.

B.—SUPERIOR PALE DRY,
dinner wine, Green Seal
Capsule ————— \$10.80

C.—MANZANILLA, PALE
NATURAL SHERRY, White
Capsule ————— 12.00

CC.—SUPERIOR OLD DRY,
PALE NATURAL SHERRY, Red
Seal Capsule ————— 12.00

D.—VERY SUPERIOR OLD
PALE DRY, choice old wine,
White Seal Capsule ————— 14.40

E.—EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD
PALE DRY, very finest quality,
Black Seal Capsule (Old
Bottled) ————— 20.40

B, C, and CC are excellent dinner
Wines and suitable for invalids and
delicate stomachs. D and E are
after-dinner Wines of a very superior
vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quanti-
ties will be supplied at proportionate
wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and
Spirits to be genuine when bought
direct from us in the Colony or from
our authorised Agents at the Coast
Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1811.

DEATH.

At Liberty Street, Brooklyn, New York,
WALTER M. ROBINSON, of Singapore, after a
short illness, aged 29 years and nine months.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1900.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

Casualties at Spionkop,
24th Instant.

Killed Staff.—Captain Vertue,
Lancashire Fusiliers.—Capt. Stewart and
Lieuts. Mallock and Fraser.

Middlesex.—Capt. Muriel and Lieuts.
Lawley and Wilson.

Lancasters.—Major Ross, Capt. Kirk and
Lieut. Wade.

Scottish Borderers.—Lieut. Wolferstan.

South Lancashires.—Capt.—Birch and
Lieut. Raphael.

Border Regt.—Lieut. Garvey.

Thornycroft's Horse.—Capt. Petre and
Knockgrove and Lieuts. Grenfell, Newham,
Marquodale and Trevor.

Imperial Infantry.—Lieuts. Rudall and
Shaun.

Twenty Officers were wounded and six
are missing in addition to above.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Hatherly, of the Wharf and Godown Co.,
met with a serious accident yesterday, a bawler
putting on the wharf and striking him on the
head, injuring him severely.

The wind having worked round to the west-
ward yesterday, a very lumpy sea was knocked
up in the harbour, the ferry launches dancing
about like corks, to the great inconvenience of
non-seafaring passengers.

DURING a performance of "The Geisha" in
Buenos Ayres, a patriotic song with the refrain
"We all are Sons of England" was received
with tremendous applause, and £300 was ob-
tained for the Widows and Orphans Fund. The
Argentine Republic would seem to be going
solid for the British & the Boers.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held
to-morrow at 4.15 p.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. The Vice-President, pursuant to notice,
will move—

That the Board advise the Government
to close, with as little delay as possible, the
Chinese Cemeteries at Mount Davis, Caroline
Hill, and Matawai in Kowloon, and the exist-
ing Plague Cemeteries in Hongkong, and to
open instead a Chinese Cemetery and a Plague
Cemetery either on the Island of Chungking
or on the Island of Lamma, and a second Chinese
Cemetery as well as a Plague Cemetery some-
where to the north of Matawai and either upon
or close under the range of hills that bound the
Kowloon Peninsula on the north.

2. Report by a Select Committee of the
Board who were appointed to report on the
Sanitary Surveyor's report on the latrines and
urinals of the City of Victoria.

3. Report by the Colonial Veterinary Sur-
geon on the requirements for a bacteriological
laboratory, and certain papers on the cattle in-
oculation for rinderpest in the New Territory.

AGENDA.

1. Reply from Government as to the pro-
posed alteration of close time for certain gam-
ing.

2. Report by the Sanitary Surveyor on con-
cerning at Saint Joseph's College.

3. The dumping of rubbish in the Harbour
and the power to arrest offenders therefor.

4. A well at 15 Queen's Road Central recom-
mended to be closed at once.

5. Further report of the progress of Bubonic
Plague at Bombay City for the period 5th to

18th December, and 10th December, 1899, to
3rd January, 1900.

6. Report of five more cases of Bubonic
Plague at Kobe since the 19th December, 1899,
and a further report of no fresh case since 4th
January, 1900.

7. Report that no further cases of Bubonic
Plague have occurred at Nagasaki since the
15th December, 1899.

8. Report of a case of Bubonic Plague at
Kangoon.

9. Mortality Returns from Macao for the
weeks ended the 7th and 14th January, 1900.

10. Mortality Statistics for this Colony for the
weeks ended the 6th and 13th January, 1900.

CRIMINAL LAW AND ITS
HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT.

LECTURE BEFORE THE OLD VOLUMES
SOCIETY.

BY THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE.

(Continued.)

PROCEDURE AT THE TRIAL.

I need only touch lightly on the trial to
which all these formalities are the preliminary,
for a criminal trial now differs in very few points
from any ordinary civil case, and its course is
well known. At the present day any accused
person may retain counsel for his defence. It
seems strange to us now that until 1736 a
prisoner charged with felony was not allowed
to have the benefit of professional advocacy.

Yet such was the case, and I may add in passing
that it was not until 1747 that a full defence
counsel was allowed to those accused
by treason. The accused man is first of all
"arraigned," that is, called to the bar to plead
to the charge made against him. There are
now only four possible pleas, the person charged
with felony can plead "Guilty," "Not Guilty,"
"Autrefois Acquitté," "Autrefois Convict." Of
course, the last two pleas simply allege a pre-
vious trial and acquittal or conviction of the ac-
cused as to the offence charged in the indictment.

But the usual plea is "Not Guilty," and that plea
puts the prosecutor upon the proof of every
particular of the charge. It is obsolete and declines
to plead at all, a plea of "not guilty" is
pleaded for him. One may here remark that
less than one hundred and fifty years ago a
prisoner who would not plead was treated very
differently. Sir J. F. Stephen points out that
till 1772, such a person was taken and "stret-
ched naked upon his back and had iron laid
upon him as much as he could bear and more,
and had to continue, fed upon bad bread
and stagnant water, on alternate days, till he
either pleaded or died." Indeed, in 1726, one
Burnwater, accused, at Kingston Assizes, of
murder, refused to plead and was pressed for
an hour and three quarters with nearly four
hundred-weight of iron, after which he pleaded
"not guilty" and was convicted and hanged.

I remember reading of several other cases.
The object of refusing to plead was that in
that case there could be no conviction, there-
fore no forfeiture occurred and the property of
the accused person was thus preserved for his
heir. It is evident public feeling has much
changed since those days.

We will assume the accused to have pleaded
"not guilty." The next step is that of empanel-
ling the jury by whom he is to be tried. In
England the jury consists of twelve men, and
the verdict must be unanimous. In Hongkong
the jury consists of seven men (and except in
cases, such as murder, visited by the law with
capital punishment) a majority consisting of
not less than five jurors can give a valid verdict.

In England the accused may challenge
peremptorily that is, may, without giving any
reason, object to thirty-five jurymen in cases of
treason, and twenty in cases of felony, but in
cases of misdemeanour he has no right of
peremptory challenge and must show good
cause for any challenge he makes. Any
challenge must be made as the jurymen is
about to be sworn and before he is sworn. In
Hongkong, challenges are not allowed.

It is provided by the Jury Consolidation Or-
dinance, No. 18 of 1878, that no person who
shall be put upon his trial either for treason,
felony or misdemeanour shall be allowed to
challenge any of the jurors except for cause.

When the jury has been sworn, proclamation
is made calling on the prosecutor and witnesses
to prosecute and give their evidence.

In cases of treason and felony, the officer of
the Court then gives the prisoner in charge to
the jury, stating the effect of the indictment
and the prisoner's plea of not guilty and
charging them to enquire whether he is guilty
or not. The Counsel for the prosecution then
opens the case to the jury and calls and ex-
amines his witnesses who are called and ex-
amined and re-examined according
to the rules of evidence. It used to be a
cardinal rule that the prisoner could not be
called as a witness to give evidence on oath,
but by a recent Act of Parliament 61 and 62,
Victoria, chap. 36, it is enacted that in
England "Every person charged with an
offence and the wife or husband, as the case
may be, of the person so charged, shall be a
competent witness for the defence at every
stage of the proceedings whether the person so
charged is charged solely or jointly with any
other person.

As a general rule, however, the accused can-
not even now be called as a witness except
upon his own application, and certain limits are
imposed on his cross-examination. At the close
of the prosecution, the case for the defence is
opened by the prisoner's Counsel (if he has any)
and the witnesses for the defence are called and
cross-examined and re-examined and then the
prisoner's Counsel sums up his evidence.

Then follows the reply of the Counsel for the
prosecution and the summing up of the whole
matter by the Judge who directs the jury as to
the law of the case and calls their attention to
the evidence adduced. The jury then give their
verdict and the prisoner is discharged if the
verdict is "not guilty" and sentenced if he is
found guilty.

REMARKS ON THE PRESENT PROCEDURE.

All this seems very natural to us now, be-
cause we are accustomed to it, but the prisoner
was not always treated with the consideration
he meets with now. I am far from saying that
the present system might not be improved, and
that many useless technicalities might not
be abolished with advantage to the community;
but there can be little doubt that, given a care-
ful judge and fair-minded jury, very few in-
nocent people can be convicted, though, possibly,
a fair percentage of guilty men are acquitted
through technicalities. It must be remembered
that although the jury may think the probability
that the accused is guilty nevertheless if they
entertain any reasonable doubt they must find
a verdict of "not guilty." We have no special
verdict of "not proven" in English Criminal
Law.

One defect in the criminal procedure in Eng-
land is the want of a sufficient staff of public
prosecutors. It is true that, in 1884, the Soli-
citor of Her Majesty's Treasury was constituted
Director of Criminal Prosecutions. But he in-
tervenes only occasionally, to prevent a mis-
carriage of justice, and in nearly every
case the private individual who is in-
jured is left to prosecute at his own
expense, subject to the Court allowing him re-
imbursement to a certain extent. Such pro-
secution, though in the name of the Sovereign,
is in reality a private prosecution. In Hong-
kong, however, the Attorney General acts as
Public Prosecutor and private prosecutions are

comparatively rare. Even in such private pro-
secutions, the indictment has to be signed by
the Attorney General.

NECESSITY FOR A CODE OF CRIMINAL LAW.

It seems very strange, and it indicates the
necessity for filling the wheels of the legisla-
tive Machinery in England, that we have no
complete Code of English Criminal Law. If
Parliament has had the inclination, it has not
found time to pass such a measure.

It is to be lamented that King James did not
accept Lord Bacon's offer to digest the laws of
England as they existed at the beginning of the
seventeenth century. Sir Robert Peel, speak-
ing in the House of Commons in 1826, said that
the lapse of more than two hundred years had
increased the necessity of the measure which
Lord Bacon then proposed. It is estimated by a
thirteenth-century scribe that sections would
have sufficed for a criminal code, while in
Lord Coke's day, possibly eighty sections,
carefully drawn, would have been sufficient.

It is true that some portion, perhaps nearly
half of the Criminal Law was consolidated
nearly forty years ago. The Consolidation
Acts of 1811 dealing with accessories, with
offences against the person, with larceny, with
malicious injury to property, with forgery, and
with coinage offences, although somewhat cum-
bersome in their structure and very deficient in
definitions, are very useful Acts. But a Code
of substantive Criminal Law and also a Code
of Procedure are sadly needed and also a Code
of the description of our law as a "curious
combination of Common Law and frag-
ments of innumerable statutes, welded into a
whole, only by the industry of text writers who
have assimilated and collected the immense
materials afforded by ancient treatises, case-law,
and the statute law.

The result is that the practising lawyer has
constantly to consult huge treatises such as
"Russell on Crimes."

IGNORANTIA LEGIS NEMINEM EXCUSAT.

New although modern Criminal Law is a
complex and difficult subject, it is no good
for an offender to say he did not know he was
breaking the law.

The answer will be "everyone is presumed
to know the law," an assumption perhaps more
remarkable for boldness than for accuracy. At
the same time, it is difficult to see how justice
could be administered on any other assumption
though, most certainly, the majority of people
know remarkably little about the Criminal Law.

Yet comparatively few seem to suffer much in-
convenience from that want of knowledge. It is
quite possible for any ordinary, honest, well-
conducted man to live his life without trou-
bling himself with the complexities of Criminal Law.

It is true that, as civilization increases and
men congregate in large towns, many regula-
tions, fiscal or municipal, have to be enacted,
and as contraventions of these are enforced by
the Magistrate in the interests of the community,
an act not, in itself, morally wrong may be
made punishable. But, in the main, the Criminal
Law is an elaborate development of the second
half of those ten commandments, which we are
told were divinely given more than three
thousand years ago, amidst thunderings and
lightnings, at Mount Sinai. Therefore a man
who obeys those commandments will not be
likely to fall foul of the Criminal Law of
England.

CRIMINAL LAW AND THE COMMANDMENTS.

Human nature now is singularly like human
nature then. The commandments "Thou shalt
not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not
bear false witness against thy neighbour, Thou
shalt not covet," &c. &c., are as essential to the
well-being of the individual and of the State
now at the end of the 19th century in
England and in Hongkong as elsewhere.

As in the days of Moses and in the
wilderness under the holy mountain, Sir James
F. Stephen points out that the state-
ment of the positive duties of man to man to be
found in the Church Catechism which merely
develops those commandments, corresponds
step by step with the prohibition of a Criminal
Code. "Those," says he, "who honour and
obey the Queen will not commit high treason
or other political offences. Those who honour
and obey, in their due order and degree, those
who are put in authority under the Queen, will
not attempt to pervert the course of justice nor
will they disobey lawful commands or violate
the provisions of Acts of Parliament or be guilty
of corrupt practices with regard to public
officers, or in the discharge of power confided
to them by law. Those who hurt nobody by
word nor by deed, nor commit libel, or threaten injury to
person, property or reputation, nor will they
be guilty of libel, or threaten injury to person,
property or reputation, nor will they keep their
tongues from evil speaking, lying and slan-
dering. Those who hurt nobody by deed
will not commit murder, administer poison,
or wound or assault others, or burn their houses,
or maliciously injure their property. Those
who keep their hands from picking and
stealing will commit neither thefts, nor
fraudulent breaches of trust, nor forgery,
nor will they pass bad money." need
not proceed any further with this illustra-
tion, but there is much truth in that learned
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Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Building, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 26th February, 1900, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to 15th February, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [127]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Queen's Building, New Praya, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of March, 1900, at 12 o'clock (NOON), to receive a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1899, and to elect a Consulting Engineer and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th February to the 1st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [128]

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1900, the following Resolution was passed:

That a CALL of One Dollar per Share upon all the holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the shares held by them in the above Company be and the same is hereby made. The Call to be paid to the Company at their Office, the HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., CORPORATION, at their Office, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 31st day of March next.

And Notice is also given that in accordance with Article 21 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged on the said 3rd day of March, 1900, at the rate of 5 per centum per annum, upon all calls remaining unpaid after the said 31st day of March, 1900, up to the actual date of payment of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that upon presentation at the office of the Company of the Bankers' receipt for payment of the call together with the certificate of the shares in respect of which the call has been paid, an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the certificate.

By order of the Board of Directors,
W. H. GASKELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [130]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

PARTIALLY DECKED CENTRE BOARD YACHT *GRINIA*. Length over all 26' 6". Water Line 17' 3". Beam 5'. All Lead Ballast. At present in dismasting order. For Particulars, apply to—

W. H. GASKELL, Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. [116]

Notice of Firms.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

DURING THE TEMPORARY ABSENCE from the Colony of the Undersecretary, Mr. E. C. LANE will SIGN for the Secretary. By order of the Board.

DOUGLAS JONES, Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1900. [120]

NOTICE.

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

WE the Undersigned have this Day been appointed AGENTS for the above Godowns, all Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to—

T. RAUCHENSTEIN & Co.,
12, Beachcomber Avenue.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [120]

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

WE have this Day appointed Messrs. T. RAUCHENSTEIN & Co. to be AGENTS for the above Godowns, all Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to them.

TANG LAP TING,
MOK KUN HUI,
MOK YUEK LIM.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [121]

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON, 1900.

NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned Vessels will sail from CHINA DIRECT FOR MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

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STEAMERS.

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Parramatta, 4886 Mar. 27 Mar. 31 April 6

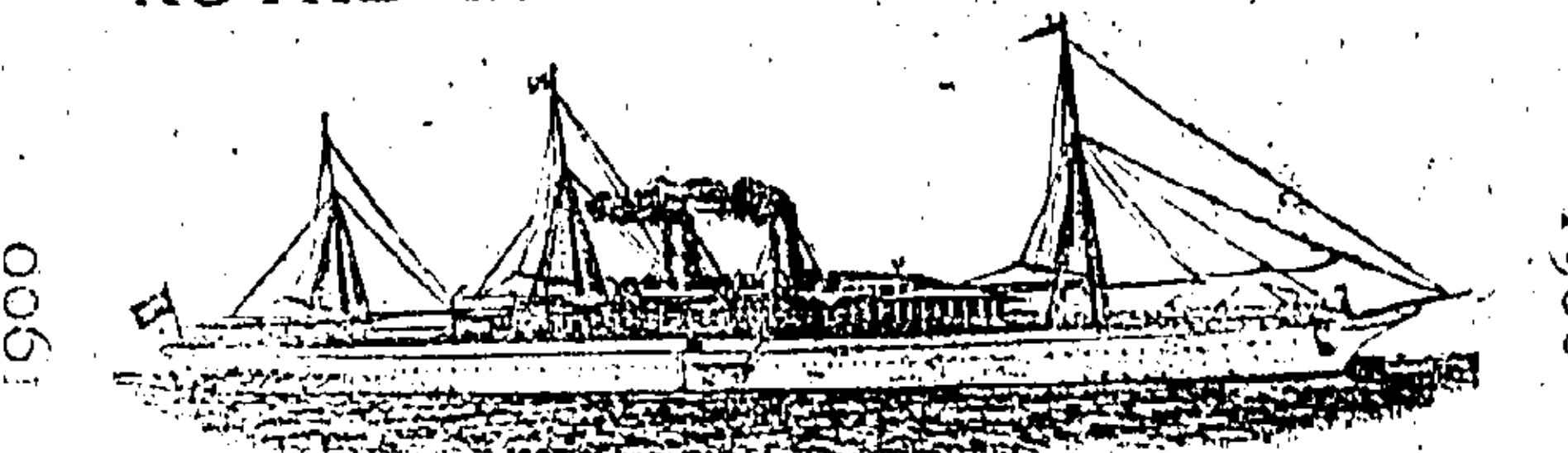
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For Freight or Passage, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent, Hongkong.

4th December, 1899. [13]

Mails.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPERESS OF INDIA, Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 14th February.

EMPERESS OF JAPAN, Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 14th March.

EMPERESS OF CHINA, Comdr. R. Adibald, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 14th April.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PACIFIC TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS from the PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS, the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition, and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, etc., apply to—

D. E. BROWN, General Agent, P.O. Box 100, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1900.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA, AND VICTORIA, B.C.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA.

IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Tacoma, 23rd Jan. 1900. [128]

Also, FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

At 10 o'clock, 1900. [127]

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line, HONGKONG TO LONDON & C.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. Doctor and STEWARD on board.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK & C.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the Rocky and I. CANADIAN MOUNTAINS. The ATLANTIC PACIFIC NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to Europe may proceed by one of the best class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA & C.

Rates of Passage to other Ports on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate, and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Ore., whichever may be the destination of the Steamer.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900. [14]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATLANTIC TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN DIEGO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and HONOLULU, THE UNITED STATES, & C.

Garmouthshire, 3,529, about Feb. 21

Belgic King, 3,379, about Feb. 21

Thyrone, 3,106, about Mar. 6

Edy Jilly, 3,406, about Mar. 31

THE Steamship

"GARMOUTHSHIRE," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO and SAN FRANCISCO, via KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on or about SATURDAY, the 10th February.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcels packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1900. [18]

Consular Invoices to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1900. [18]

Mails.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
KAGOSHIMA MARU	BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	To-Morrow, 2nd Feb., at Noon.
R. Nishimura	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 9th Feb., at Daylight.
HITACHI MARU	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI (WOSUNG), KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 12th Feb., at 4 P.M.
YAMAZUMI MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 23rd Feb., at Daylight.
WAKASA MARU		

* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1900.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

(Freight Service.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HOLSTATH	HAVRE and HAMBURG VIA COLOMBO	About 11th February.
Bahle	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 18th February.
BABELSBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 18th February.
Pratt	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 4th March.
ALESIA	BORDEAUX, HAVRE & HAMBURG	About 16th March.
Kath	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 20th March.
SAVOIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	About 20th March.
Lager	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 20th March.
ASTORIA	NEW YORK (via SUEZ CANAL)	
Hildebrandt		

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For further Particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Thursday, 22nd Feb., at Noon.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 20th March, at Noon.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 14th April, at Noon.

THE Steamship

"HONGKONG MARU," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 22nd February, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of 24 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day. All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1900. [7]

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1900. [7]

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

HONGKONG-AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

WILL GIVE FIVE PERFORMANCES OF

THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD, OR THE MERRYMAN AND HIS MAID.

W. S. GILBERT & ARTHUR SULLIVAN, ON

MONDAY, 12th February.

THURSDAY, 15th "

SATURDAY, 17th "

SATURDAY, 24th "

MONDAY, 26th "

Commencing each Evening at 9 P.M. precisely.

Dress Circle and Stalls, \$3.

Half-price to the Pit for Soldiers, Sailors, and Police in Uniform.

TICKETS can be obtained at the Booking Office of the Theatre, CITY HALL, on and after MONDAY, the 5th February, at 10 A.M.

The Booking Office will be OPEN Daily from that Date from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. except on Race Days, when it will be Open from 10 A.M. to 12 NOON.

Late Trains will run 4 hour after the fall of the curtain.

H. C. NICOLLE, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1900. [122b]

Auctions.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 23.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY,

the 5th day of February, 1900, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

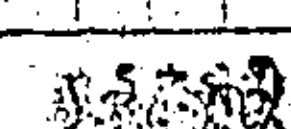
By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th January, 1900. [123b]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 5th day of February, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 21 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot.	Register.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.
			N. E.	S. W.	S. E.	N. W.		
1	Garden Lot No. 7.	Haul Pump Lane, Queen's Road East.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		\$
			27	45	124	81 20 43	4,044	28



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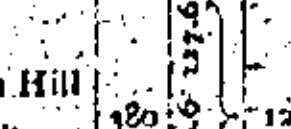
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Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 20th January, 1900. [124b]

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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No. of the Registry	Registry No.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.
			N.	S.	E.	W.		
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		\$



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 24.

THE following Particular